

Exhibit 5

Agenda Item #9

August 1, 2003

TO: Commissioners and Alternates

FROM: Will Travis, Executive Director (415/352-3653, travis@bcdc.ca.gov)
Andrea Gaut, Coastal Program Analyst (415/352-3618, andreag@bcdc.ca.gov)

SUBJECT: Comments on Permit Application No. 2-02; Mark Sanders; Westpoint Marina, in the City of Redwood City, San Mateo County
(For Commission consideration on August 7, 2003)

Attached is correspondence received regarding BCDC Permit Application No. 2-02, the application of Mark Sanders to construct a full-service harbor and marina in a former salt pond, in the City of Redwood City, San Mateo County.



July 31, 2003

Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, Ca. 94111

RE: APPROVAL OF WESTPOINT MARINA PROJECT IN REDWOOD CITY

Attention: Will Travis, Executive Director
Andrea Gaut

Dear Will and Andrea,

The following letter is provided for your consideration in support of the proposed Westpoint Marina project in Redwood City.

As a Redwood City native and as an avid South Bay boater for the last 25 years I have been deeply saddened to watch a slow and steady demise of boating facilities and related support infrastructure. This has included the loss of (2) major boatyards, (2) fuel docks, (1) full size marina (Peninsula) and now the pending elimination of more deep water slips at Pete's Harbor pending the new development project there.

As a result I have been very discouraged that the actions above have had a negative impact on public access to our water environment via land or by boat. It seems that big money and politics have won again and we are losing focus on what the people really want and need.

As a boater I have spent many enjoyable hours anchored in the many beautiful sloughs and waterways in Redwood Creek area. The wildlife and surrounding area has given me a true appreciation of how important the South Bay is and the important role it plays in our environment. The South Bay is unique in so many ways and deserves our best efforts for proper preservation, access and future development.

As a step in this direction I strongly believe that your approval for the "Westpoint Marina" facility will provide the public a "world class" marine facility that will enable the following:

- Increased public land and shore access the Westpoint slough area
- Increased public access to the South Bay and wetlands via boating from the marina
- Increased boating support infrastructure required for boating activities
- Increased environmental awareness through access and education

The BCDC has been instrumental in making Bay access and awareness possible for many. I sincerely hope that your approval of this project will continue in this same tradition of excellence.

Thank you for your time and consideration for the approval of the "Westpoint Marina" project.

Sincerely,

Paul and Darla Welch

Subject: (no subject)

Date: Saturday, July 26, 2003 5:00 PM

From: BOBHOFFF@aol.com

To: <andreag@bcdc.ca.gov>

Cc: <travis@bcdc.ca.gov>

Andres and Will Travis

Is the Commission aware that it was the strong effort by Kimberly Kim of the BCDC that helped initiate the Aqua Terra Project in Redwood City that removed over 133 abandoned and derelict vessels, a major portion in Westpoint Slough, increasing the public usability of the waterways and making the Marina Project feasible.

Four large vessels from 60 to 100 feet long and the remains of a large wooden barge that blocked the use of the waterway were removed from Westpoint Slough..

Without the initial help from BCDC this worthwhile cleanup of the Bay might never have happened.

R. J. Hoffman, Chairman of Aqua Terra Project and Past President of RBOC

Subject: FW: Westpoint Marina
Date: Thursday, July 24, 2003 11:55 AM
From: Estella Corona <estellac@bcdcc.ca.gov>
To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>

Here is something that came on Estella's computer.

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From: "wade s. church" <wchurch@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 17:41:50 -0700 (PDT)
To: "info@bcdcc.ca.gov" <info@bcdcc.ca.gov>
Subject: Westpoint Marina

Dear Commission Members:

I spoke today in support of Mark Sanders project and would like to follow up by thanking all the members for the opportunity to do so. Unfortunately I could not stay for the entire meeting but I assure you we do not all illegally fuel our vessels at the dock, and I have a receipt for 50 gallons of diesel purchased at Coyote Point just last Friday as evidence of the fact.

If any member feels more information is required prior to making a decision, I invite you to visit Pete's Harbor and I will personally give a tour of the area the proposed marina will occupy. At present a waiting list exists for slips in the new marina, on which I have a place, and I am confident the demand will surpass the availability of slips for the foreseeable future. The Pacific Shores facility is an excellent compliment to the proposed marina and will enhance the Bay for visitors and residents alike.

My present slip restricts my trips to the tides, an other problem Mr. Sander's project will solve, but a boat trip to the site is not unreasonable and could easily be arranged.

Sincerely,
Wade S. Church

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Subject: :Westpoint Marina Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2003 6:33 PM

From: Davidleverenz@cs.com

To: <andreag@bcdca.gov>

Will Travis, Executive Director

Andrea Gaut

BCDC

50 California Street, Suite 2600

San Francisco, CA 94111 <mailto:94111travis@bcdca.gov>

Sir and Madam,

As I had out of state visitors the day of the meeting, I was unable to attend. Notwithstanding, I wanted to pass along a short email to both of you, strongly endorsing this project.

I have been a rower and a coach involved with both Los Gatos Rowing Club and Baire Island Athletic Club for the past eight years. Currently and for the past year I am and have been a coach with the newly formed Palo Alto Rowing Club. Currently this club is a private club with rowers at the high school level (Palo Alto and surrounding area).

If the growth in the junior's program at Los Gatos is any indication, we can expect that within the next decade, the level of participation in this area may be similar to Los Gatos - well over 100 juniors per year. Obviously, this is very much dependent upon the availability of facilities.

I am also well aware of a substantial number of master's rowers (over 27 years) in our area. In the past the numbers of masters rowers have been limited somewhat due to lack of facilities. I myself am a prime example of that.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to consider this project favorably.

Respectfully,

David F. Leverenz

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Subject: FW: South Bay needs a full service marina

Date: Monday, July 21, 2003 8:55 AM

From: Will Travis <travis@bcdc.ca.gov>

To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdc.ca.gov>

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From: "Sharp, Edward" <edward.sharp@netapp.com>
Date: Sun, 20 Jul 2003 12:45:43 -0700
To: <travis@bcdc.ca.gov>, <adreag@bcdc.ca.gov>
Subject: South Bay needs a full service marina

I write in support of Westpoint Marina's proposal to build a full service marina in the South Bay. I regularly go sailing in the week and on weekends, and access to improved south bay facilities is important

Regards,
Edward

Edward Sharp
1170 Welch Rd
Palo Alto, 94304

Tel: 650 740 3260

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Subject: FW: Westpoint Marina
Date: Monday, July 21, 2003 8:46 AM
From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>
To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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From: Tim Prouty <tim@etechintl.com>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 17:09:15 -0700
To: travis@bcdcd.ca.gov
Subject: Westpoint Marina

Dear Mr. Travis

I am a long time resident of the Bay area, an avid yachtsman and an advocate for improvement of our waterways.

The proposed Westpoint Marina, in Redwood City, is a project that sets an example for future projects with its reclamation of land for to waterway and by provide open access to the bay for a wide range of people. The south bay, in particular, lacks access of this kind.

I urge you to approve this project and encourage others to look at development of this kind to facilitate open access to the bay in areas where it has not been available.

Sincerely,

Tim Prouty

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Race Director
Sausalito Yacht Club
<http://www.syconline.org>

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Subject: Westpoint Marina Support

Date: Friday, July 18, 2003 10:12 AM

From: The Agloro Family <space5@earthlink.net>

Reply-To: "The Agloro Family" <space5@earthlink.net>

To: <Travis@bcdcc.ca.gov>, <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>

Greetings BCDCC Commissioners,

I write in support of the approval of the Westpoint Marina in Redwood City. I ask for your kind support and understanding of the need for such a facility.

Redwood City (RWC) is the only deep water port in the South Bay capable of supporting the aquatic activities of our large and active population in lower 650, and 408. Converting this area of Westpoint Slough into a viable marina is a good use of the property, especially compared to its current briny and fallow use. I am an active sculler and have witnessed the gradual deterioration of South Bay aquatic facilities for (a mere) twenty years. It is time to amend this disturbing trend.

I belong to the Bair Island Aquatic Center (www.gobair.org), a non profit paddling and rowing club which has several hundred members and about 100 shells, outriggers, dragon boats, and kayaks stored near Pete's Harbor in RWC. Though we are a soft and mitigating use of the land and water access, our lease with Pacific RMC (a concrete company) runs out in a few years. We seek a more permanent home that will continue our tradition of healthy community recreation and environmental stewardship.

Though Stanford is about to open its new boathouse at the end of Chesapeake drive, there continues to be no stable facility for master programs, community access, nor youth development. There are also other bay area juniors (high school age) programs in addition to BIAC JR.CREW (Palo Alto, Serra, Peninsula) that are need a facility for their teams as well. The plan for Westpoint Marina would fill that need appropriately.

Please support the plan to construct the Westpoint Marina.

Sincerely,

Romeo & Geralyn Agloro
(Anabel Agloro,s parents)

Subject: So Bay Marina

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2003 3:30 PM

From: Graham, Corinne Faye <faye@SLAC.Stanford.EDU>

To: "'andreag@bcdca.gov'" <andreag@bcdca.gov>

Please consider supporting a marina in the So. Bay. We are residents of Redwood City and boat owners. Our first boat we moved from Redwood City due to lack of proper facilities, our current boat we have in San Leandro because there is no place to put her in Redwood City. Sure would be nice to have our boat close to home. Robert and Corinne Graham Redwood City CA Members of USCGAUX

Subject: Fwd: Westpoint Marina Project

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2003 10:15 PM

From: LRMAYNE@aol.com

To: <andreag@bcdc.ca.gov.>

From: LRMAYNE@aol.com

Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 03:42:46 EDT

To: travis@bcdc.ca.gov, adreag@bcdc.ca.gov

Subject: Westpoint Marina Project

Sirs,

Please make it possible for the public to enjoy boating and have a facility that shall serve the South Bay Boating communities needs and wants. I heard a rumor that within BCDc there is a belief that little boating interest exists in the South Bay--and we are content to go to the North Bay or Alameda estuary to enjoy the Bay. Trust me, as a long term South Bay boater, that is simply not the case.

There are two active Yacht Clubs in Redwood City, one of which, the Sequoia Yacht Club was the PICYA Club of the Year in 1999 and a perpetual 2 or 3 star club, which makes them one of the most active clubs in Northern California, more so than the St. Francis YC, the San Francisco YC, the Richmond YC, the Encinal YC and many other active and healthy clubs in the surrounding area. The club activities include Junior Sailboat Training, High School Sailing, a RC sailing fleet, a Small and large sailboat fleet, a power fleet, all with scheduled regattas, cruise-outs, and other regular cruise-ins by many of the previously mentioned clubs. Beyond their club activities, they sponsor the South Bay Opening Day, Fourth of July activities, a summer Wednesday Night Beer Can Racing series, and in the winter the Redwood Cup, all of which are open to the public.

Just west of the Sequoia YC is the Stanford University \$7,500,000.00 brand new boathouse. which is the home of their Sailing and Rowing programs. Stanford may have 20, 30 or more boats in the water daily.

Speaking of rowers: there must be at least 10 different and active rowing clubs using Redwood Creek. Plus multitudes of Ocean Kayakers, Outriggers, and an occasional traditional dingy with oars.

It is not unusual to see 40 to 50 recreational fishing boats out on a daily basis. Along with several commercial boats.

As you can tell, I believe the South Bay deserves and needs a marine facility to serve the active boating, sailing, fishing and rowing community.

Thank you for your consideration. Help make this happen.

Sincerely,

Larry R. Mayne, Yacht and Ship Broker, and Past Commodore of the Sequoia Yacht Club

July 17, 2003

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, CA 94111

Re: West Point Marina Project, Redwood City, CA.

Dear Commission Members and Staff:

On October 16, 2001, the Redwood City Planning Commission unanimously approved a CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration for the West Point Marina Project on West Point Slough in Redwood City. This negative declaration included 48 mitigation measures, many of which were new or strengthened measures over those included in the draft document.

Mitigation measures #21 thru 25 are designed to prevent human impacts on Greco Island. Measures #26 thru 28 prevent human intrusions on levees, salt ponds, and marshes on the marina side of West Point Slough. Measures #29 thru 33 require exotic species control and non-native and urban predator control. Measure #34 addresses water quality control. Measure #35 prohibits personal water craft (jet skis). Measures #36 thru 48 are new mitigations relating to a variety of engineering and environmentally-related issues raised by public comments, etc.

There were no opposition speakers at the final hearing at which the Planning Commission approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration. To the best of my knowledge, Clyde Morris, Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge manager has, as appropriate, not taken a stand on the Marina Project; however he did comment that he felt that the Project has been greatly improved by the inclusion of the expanded and revised mitigation measures.

Human or urban impacts on Greco Island or nearby habitat areas are undesirable; however, in my opinion the Project mitigation measures reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level. Actually, the mitigated Marina Project has the potential for some important positive environmental impacts, for example:

- 1) The mitigation measures designed to prevent human intrusions, boat wakes, and the provision of full time surveillance will provide protections which are currently needed and are presently absent.

- 2) Permitted taking of Greco Island wildlife by licensed duck hunters would be greatly reduced if not essentially eliminated by a Redwood City ordinance which outlaws the discharge of fire arms within a specified distance of urban developments. This law currently protects almost all of Bair Island from duck hunters and with the extension resulting from the location of the new marina would cover all but the extreme eastern portion of Greco Island.
- 3) One of the most important consequences of the Project is the determination by the Army Corps that the Marina site is "Other Waters of the United States." Logically this determination must also apply to the remainder of Cargill pond #10 of which the Marina is part, and by extension to all Redwood City crystallizers which have essentially the same hydrology, ecology and history. This significant consequence accrues whether the Marina goes forward or not; however, it seems only fair in weighing the merits of the Marina proposal that the applicant, Mr. Sanders, be given credit for bringing about this significant determination.

One of the reasons the determination is important is that with the apparent collapse of the South Bay salt pond purchase, Cargill is reported to have started the process of planning development of the Redwood City crystallizers. If this should prove to be true, and Redwood City being Redwood City, the best defense against such an environmentally calamitous development will be regulatory protection.

I wish to urge that your agency look favorably on the much needed and desirable public amenity represented by the West Point Marina project.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph Nobles

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Subject: FW: Westpoint Slough Marina and Boatyard

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2003 9:51 AM

From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcc.ca.gov>

To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>

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From: "Max Ferry" <maxferry@pacbell.net>
Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 23:22:08 -0700
To: <travis@bcdcc.ca.gov>
Cc: <MSandHILL@aol.com>, <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>
Subject: Westpoint Slough Marina and Boatyard

Greetings, to whom it may concern,

In regard to the proposed project in Redwood City, known as the 'Westpoint Marina and Boatyard', I wish to offer some opinion of this project, as a concerned citizen.

As you may know, the property in question, that is currently under rehabilitation by Mr. Mark Sanders, the major proponent of the project, has been for several decades a salt evaporation pan. It has been shown that in the past, this evaporation pan has leached great amounts of toxic by-products from the production of salt into surrounding waters of Westpoint Slough that are shared with the Don Edwards National Marine Sanctuary, of which nearby Greco Island is a part.

It is difficult to convey the immensity of this kind of abuse of our environment. It is also hard to appreciate the impact of it unless one has actually spent some time in the area, as I have. One will not have seen the oddly colored foam blowing from the old pans into the slough on a windy day, nor the dead birds and fish, nor sat downwind of the old salt pans and smelled the stench of them, nor noticed that many of these detriments are already showing signs of abatement due to the work being accomplished by

Mr. Sanders' project.

The operations of Cargill and Leslie Salt have done so much harm to the sensitive environment of this area that it will be difficult to undo it within the lifetimes of many of us, and this has become such a serious issue that the State of California has entered into an agreement with these companies for the purchase of similar salt production pans all around the Bay Area at public expense, with a view toward the rehabilitation of these lands.

The project that Mr. Sanders is proposing is already showing the same desirable effects to the environment that the State's initiative proposes to accomplish, but it is doing it at private expense, since the proposed project is in an area excluded by Cargill and the State of California from their agreement. It will change what used to be a poisonous environmental hazard into a substantial area of clean, open water with little or no residue left over from the salt production that the land was previously used for, and it will do it with no expense to the People of the state, for whom these valuable resources are held in trust.

In addition to the above is the consideration due to the dying maritime heritage of the South Bay in general, and Redwood City in particular. I have personally read the City and County Charters for Redwood City/San Mateo County in regard to Port operations, and both agree that the Port of Redwood City shall be maintained and reserved for maritime commercial and recreational use, yet these intentions, codified by Charter, have been ignored, abrogated, or twisted out of any resemblance to their original intent, to make room for real estate or other speculative ventures that do not concur with this intent. One by one, harbors in Palo Alto, Alviso, Redwood City and others have been shut down to make room for commercial real estate development that had nothing whatever to do with "Maritime Uses" as defined in these Charters.

In considering the proposed Westpoint marina project, the BCDC has a unique opportunity to truly live up to it's own Charter by it's support and approval of a project, the merits of which will be congruent with the tenets of it's own Charter as they pertain to Conservation and Development, individually and collectively. Mr. Sanders' vision in regard to these issues predates the State of California's own plan for enhanced environmental quality and public access by a full fifteen years, and in my opinion deserves immediate approval and recognition. As a concerned citizen, if it was up to me, I would not only approve the project...I'd give the guy a medal.

Regards,

Max Ferry

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Subject: FW: Westpoint Marina Project

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2003 9:50 AM

From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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From: "Steven Sowa" <stevesowa@peoplepc.com>
Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 19:51:05 -0700
To: <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>, <adreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>
Cc: "Mark Sanders" <MSanders@pinnaclesys.com>
Subject: Westpoint Marina Project

To Whom it May Concern:

Please take a moment to consider these thoughts in support of the Westpoint Marina project.

The development is the last chance for a multi use water access facility in the South Bay that will be available to two million people. The park space will provide viewing of recently designated wildlife areas. It's the last chance for boating as a significant economic presence in the area as well, since the existing facilities will be silted in or developed soon. A local boatyard would provide a much higher degree of environmental safety - it's a long way upwind to a yard if a boat has a problem now.

Sincerely,

Steven Sowa

Cindy Fellows

P.O. Box 6896

San Carlos, CA 94070

M/V "Flatwater"

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Subject: FW: Westpoint Marina

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2003 9:53 AM

From: Will Travis <travis@bcdca.gov>

To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdca.gov>

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Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 08:41:07 -0700 (PDT)
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Cc: Michael.Schuh@NASA.Gov
Subject: Westpoint Marina

Will Travis
Executive Director
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Mr. Travis,

I have read about the Westpoint Marina project proposal for Redwood City. I am very excited about the prospect of having another marina in the South Bay area. I live in Los Altos and work at Moffett Field and think it would be great to have the new marina built. There are many other sailors here at NASA Ames Research Center that would also enjoy this facility.

I believe that the more people enjoy the bay by any means, and especially boating, the more they are supportive of keeping the Bay as clean as possible and restoring it when possible.

I ask that you and the other committee members vote to support the Westpoint Marina project.

Sincerely,
Michael Schuh
Los Altos and Moffett Field

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From: Raz3329@aol.com
Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 23:33:23 EDT
To: travis@bcdc.ca.gov
Cc: MSandHILL@aol.com
Subject: West Point Marina

As a boat owner I and my family are very supportive of the West Point Marina. We will enjoy boating at this facility and know that it will enhance the Redwood City area.
Sincerely,
Richard Margulis

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Subject: FW: South Bay Marina

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2003 9:51 AM

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To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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From: "John Draeger" <jdraeger@sonic.net>
Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 19:57:16 -0700
To: <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>
Cc: <adreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>
Subject: South Bay Marina

I support the South Bay marina and boatyard project as very much needed facilities for southwest bay boaters. I make constant trips to Alameda for sailboat support services which is very inconvenient. I and a large number of the boaters I know would use the new facilities proposed. Please approve this project. John Draeger, Los Altos Hills, member Sequoia Yacht Club.

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Subject: Public Hearing on Permit Application No. 2-02; Mark Sanders; West point Marina

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2003 7:08 AM

From: PoundersE@aol.com

To: <andreag@bcddc.ca.gov>

To: BCDDC, Will Travis; Executive Director
and Andrea Gaut: Coastal Program Analyst
From: Edith Pounders

Subject: Public Hearing on Permit Application No. 2-02; Mark Sanders; West point Marina, in the City of Redwood City, San Mateo County

Dear Commissioners:

The South Bay and Peninsula water ways are unique...

Of course, that can be said about any area of our San Francisco Bay...

Please, bear with me in my attempt focus on why we now need a marina of the design, function and quality that Mark Sanders has proposed.

The South bay and peninsula waters include miles of winding of labyrinths including: salt marshes, sloughs and wetlands all visible from land. These waterways enable a slower, closer observation of wild life and ecosystems by the public in human powered small water craft, with the least amount of impact.

As a park ranger working in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties wetlands parks from Sunnyvale to Menlo Park, I am aware of an increasing demand for access to boating facilities. Often the question comes up, "where can I launch my kayak, wind surfer or canoe?"

Additionally I hear numerous requests from children and adults for information concerning the best way enter the wetlands. During the next six years the Salt Pond Restoration Project is due to begin. People are excited to know that the Cargill salt ponds and bitterns will be restored to the scenic beauty and life of wetlands.

With the visible beautification of these waters there will be even more interest in south bay boating, water sports and easily accessible views and vistas. Building the West Point Marina is an opportunity for the entire bay area. Providing an exciting, active boating community and facility for south bay waters will stimulate and influence peoples interest in what choices must be made to protect and develop the future of the bay.

Along with small water craft resource needs, add: the displaced sail boats and motor yachts that were forced to relocate from the now empty Peninsula Marina. All those boats are waiting to return to their south bay home. Now looming in the near future is the sale and "development" of the Pete's Harbor area.

My husband and have a 36 ft. Sailboat located at Pete's Harbor. We plan on buying a 50 ft motor yacht to retire on. We have hauled out our current boat twice from this location. The logistics in hauling out from a south bay location with no facility is hellish. The south bay needs a full service marina here, in our own community, enabling all of us to continue to contribute to the economy of the area by maintaining our boats close to our employment and families.

The assumption that south bay boaters are content to go to the North Bay or the Alameda estuary for maintenance facilities or to enjoy the Bay is just not the case. We have watched in amazement as development proposals are approved by cities boards and commissions only to the detriment of what little boating facilities are left in this area. More concrete, more traffic and less and less enhancement of life and natural beauty.

The West Point Marina Resort is not only a dream come true for local boaters and naturalists, it may well be the catalyst needed to restore the peninsula and south bay to the ranks of world-class boating communities. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Edith Pounders

See attached memo from: William Pounders

To: BCDC, Will Travis; Executive Director
and Andrea Gaut: Coastal Program Analyst

From: William Pounders

Subject: West Point Marina

I believe that a facility that promotes recreational boating in the South Bay is a very positive influence on water quality and the environment. An increase in boating means that more and more people will be observing the conditions of wildlife and wetlands. They will be highly motivated to preserve an environment that enhances their enjoyment of this recreational activity. This should help put additional pressure on all dischargers to the bay to meet their obligations for reduction of pollutants. It should also help to improve the likelihood that these citizens will be willing to support future measures to reduce the non-point sources of pollution from storm water run-off. In short, more boaters on the South Bay means better conservation of the remaining natural environment. I have worked for twenty-six years in wastewater treatment in the South Bay. My experience has always been that citizens who use the Bay for sailing, fishing, or other recreation are always advocates for conserving the Bay.

William Pounders

Subject: Westpoint Marina

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2003 10:36 AM

From: Tyler Morse <tyler@BluePumpkin.com>

To: "'travis@bcdc.ca.gov'" <travis@bcdc.ca.gov>, "'adreag@bcdc.ca.gov'" <adreag@bcdc.ca.gov>, "'andreag@bcdc.ca.gov'" <andreag@bcdc.ca.gov>

Dear Mr. Travis and Ms. Gaut,

I understand that there will be a meeting today on the permit application for Westpoint Marina. As I cannot attend the meeting, I thought I would express my opinions to you in this email.

I am currently a resident of Brisbane and I row with BIAC, the Bair Island Aquatic Center's rowing club. We currently have a boathouse at 1450 Maple St. in Redwood City. It consists of little more than a glorified tin box on land that is more toxic than we like to think about. Yet we have thriving junior, novice adult, intermediate adult, and advanced adult sweep programs as well as a sculling program. The boathouse is used seven days a week. New members find us generally through word-of-mouth and on our website.

The boathouse that is part of the Westpoint Marina proposal presents an amazing opportunity for us. It includes a boathouse that would provide not only our rowing club but several other community rowing clubs in the area with a space to house our boats and equipment. It will provide us with a dock that is long enough and a basin that is deep enough that we won't be as affected by the low tide as we are now (in July, we've had to miss about 10 days of on-the-water time). With better facilities, we will be able to reach out to even more people to both teach them to row and provide them with training facilities.

I hope you will approve the permit application for the Westpoint Marina.

Thank you for your time and efforts as part of the BCDC.

- Tyler Morse

Subject: Westpoint Marina

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2003 7:29 AM

From: Doug Murray <sv_murmur@hotmail.com>

To: <andreag@bcdca.gov>

Dear Ms. Gaut,

As a South San Francisco bay sailor for over 50 years, I've follow the proposed developement of the Westpoint Marina with great interest.

This project would be a wonderful addition to the boating comunitee of the south bay region.

With the closing of Palo Alto harbor many years ago and the recent closing of Peninsula Marina, in Redwood City, there is a great void in available boat moorage and other marine facilities. The Port of Redwood City is a very active boat oriented area now, the addition of the Westport Marina would add to development of futher enjoyment by residence of the whole south bay area.

I urge you to add your approval to this well thought out project. It will be a great addition to the marine comunitee for the mid-peninsula and south bay region.

Thank you,

Douglas R. Murray

SV Murmur

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Commissioners and Staff

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

We are a 55 year old non-profit organization that encourages and promotes the development of marinas and harbors along sound management, both environmentally and economically, for the purpose of access to our treasured waterways in the state.

We support the Westpoint Marina Project and urge you to do the same. We would expect Westpoint to design and operate the marina to meet the highest water quality standards and Best Management Practices while providing access to San Francisco Bay waters. There is also a strong need to provide quality services to the boating public in the South Bay.

Several marinas in the San Francisco Bay Area are reaching the end of their useful life and Peninsula Marina recently closed displacing some 400 South Bay boaters. Additionally the South Bay has long needed more facilities not fewer for the boating public to enjoy sailing, rowing, and fishing just to name a few activities that are currently not well served.

The approval of the Westpoint Marina will help to serve those needs. It is our understanding that BCDC is the last agency to grant a permit to Westpoint and we urge you to support this important public access facility and to grant them a permit.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Ted Warburton
President

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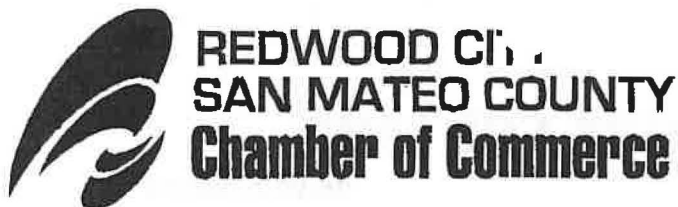
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SENT BY FAX TO: (415) 352-3606

Will Travis, Executive Director
Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, California 94111

Subject: BCDC Permit Application No.2-02, Westpoint Marina

Dear Mr. Travis:

The Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to submit comments in support of the proposed Westpoint Marina project in Redwood City.

For several years the Chamber's Economic Development Committee has followed the progress of the Westpoint Marina project, proposed for development by Mr. Mark Sanders in a former bittern pond located adjacent to West Point Slough. The general concept of the project has remained constant through the many years of project engineering, design, and permitting. The bittern would be safely removed and the creation of the marina would provide 25 acres of new water area to the Bay. Westpoint Marina would provide a full service recreational boating facility with over 400 berths, boat repair facilities, dry boat storage, public boat launch ramp, and related marine facilities and shops.

The Westpoint Marina project will substantially increase recreational boating facilities and services in the Redwood City area. Based on the Port's experience with providing similar recreational boating facilities, we recognize that there is a substantial demand in the South Bay area for these facilities. In addition to berthing for recreational boats, Westpoint Marina will provide facilities for "hand-launched" recreational boats such as kayaks, canoes, and rowing shells. We have witnessed a substantial increase in demand for facilities and waterfront public access by these increasingly popular forms of recreational boating. The Westpoint Marina project fully addresses the environmental concerns of the surrounding area. The Mitigated Negative Declaration incorporated 50 mitigation measures in response to comments by the City of Redwood City, public agencies, and environmental organizations.

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Will Travis, Executive Director
Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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We believe the proposed Westpoint Marina is a well designed and environmentally sensitive project, which will provide needed recreational boating facilities and public access to the Redwood City waterfront for residents of the South Bay area. The Chamber urges BCDC to favorably consider the permit application for the Westpoint Marina project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'LKB', followed by a long horizontal line.

Laurence K. Buckmaster
President/CEO

Caroline Kristensen
4480 Paradise Drive
Tiburon, CA 94920
(415) 606-4480

Will Travis, Executive Director
BCDC
50 California Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, CA 94111

July 16, 2003

Dear Mr. Travis,

I am writing re the Westpoint Marina project that the BCDC Commission apparently is scheduled to vote on tomorrow.

Although I am not a resident of Redwood City, my family owns 4.5 acres of tideland in Tiburon, and is very aware and concerned about the activities involving the Bay. I am also an attorney, with my LLM in Environmental Law, and State Director for the National Women's Political Caucus of Marin.

I have been following the project for a couple of years, and am puzzled that it has yet to be approved. Westpoint Marina's mission to provide a full service harbor facility with public access is consistent with some of BCDC's duty to provide water-oriented recreation and public assembly that will not have any major negative impacts on the environment.

The project describes in great detail the countless questions, which have been required by BCDC and several other governmental agencies. I can only conclude that after discussing this project with several knowledgeable people and reviewing articles, reports, and applicable law, I support this project. Just the fact that the Westpoint Marina will add water to the Bay, and remove bittern ponds, is quite commendable.

In addition, the Southbay needs a marina. I am privileged to live in Marin, where we have an abundance of marine facilities, compared to the Southbay, which has a higher population and limited access to the Bay.

I can only recommend that the BCDC will find that this project does comply with the applicable statutes, and approve the project.

Respectfully yours,
Caroline Kristensen

Will Travis,
Andrea Gaut
BCDC
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San Francisco, CA 94111

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SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION
& DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Gaut and Mr. Travis,

I am writing you in support of a new Marina in Redwood City. This part of the Bay is very under served by marinas. A new marina in Redwood City would cut down pollution (automobile & truck) and congestion by giving the South-Bay sailors a local/convenient location to store and launch their boats.

It would also provide a new destination, within the Bay, for an overnight visit by Central and North Bay boaters.

I continue to support the BCDC and your efforts to manage land fills, developments and wetlands in the San Francisco Bay. Thanks for your efforts.

George Lythcott

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'G. Lythcott', written over a light blue horizontal line.

To Whom it may concern,

On behalf of the B/IAC Junior Crew Team,
we hope that you will support Mark Sanders
+ the Westpoint Marina project for the city of Redwood
City. A new center is crucial to the growth of
rowing in the south bay.

Regards,

Ally Bouchieri

Amy Bouchieri

Head Coach - B/IAC JR. Crew

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Matthias

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Hi Juniors: please read the email below... I'm sorry for the short notice but we need as many of you as possible to attend this meeting tomorrow 1pm to 5pm. I'm not sure if we'll have to stay for the whole thing, but it is important that we be there. The long and short of it is, there is a person that is proposing a marina get built on Westpoint Slough (out by the wires) and we want to be there to support this. If the proposal moves forward then we have a seat at the table to discuss building a new boat house, etc.

I will be attending this meeting on behalf of the juniors team and would appreciate as many of you attending with me as possible. I know you are out of school so hopefully a bunch of you are free to come with me. Also, if there are any parents that can come- the more the better. I can fit 4 kids in my car and one of my teammates on the masters team can fit 4 more. I'd love to have 30 members of the team there to show our support. Please let me know asap if you can attend. My plan is to meet at the boathouse at 11:45am tomorrow to head to Oakland.

Thanks, again, sorry for the short notice.

***** if you cannot attend, please send the attached email to Travis@bcdcc.ca.gov, or andreaq@bcdcc.ca.gov. to show your support.

Thanks, Ally

ps. sorry for the duplicate email to some of you... I'm sending this to the yahoo group as well as everyone individually. if you are not on the yahoo group, please go to www.yahogroups.com search for BIAC-juniors and request to join ASAP!!!! thank you..

-----Original Message-----

From: David Abraham [mailto:david_abr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2003 9:45 AM
To: Hui Wa'a Paddlers; (All Club) BIAC
Subject: [biac_ac] BIAC: URGENT!! New Boathouse Update!

Hi all:

We have an opportunity to get into a brand new boathouse that is being built on Westpoint Slough, and we're trying to turn out the troops in support on this coming Thursday afternoon. Here's the situation:

Our lease for the land on which the BIAC boathouse sits runs for another three years. Although our current landlord (RMC Materials) has told us that they have no current plans to sell the property, they could do so -- and we'd be without a home.

There is a marina in the process of being developed called the Westpoint Marina (go to www.westpointmarina.com for more information, including conceptual drawings and site plans) that currently includes space for a boathouse. The boathouse would be located on Westpoint Slough and would have somewhere between 3-5 bays, with the possibility of "beach" space for storing OC-6 and dragon boats close to the water. While it is unclear how BIAC would fit into the boathouse (I don't think that we would move if it were detrimental to our programs), if we support the Westpoint Marina project we at least will have a seat at the table when boathouse space is designed and allocated.

The final, and most crucial approval meeting for the Westpoint Slough project is this THURSDAY, JULY 17 from 1-5 PM at the MetroCenter Auditorium at 101 Eighth Street in Oakland. I've attached a message from Mark Sanders, the driving force behind the Westpoint Marina project. The meeting is before the BCDC, which controls waterfront development in the Bay. We need folks to show up to the meeting to show support for the project (apparently even though the project cleans up a environmentally toxic area and turns it into public access water space the BCDC is unsure whether to approve it!).

If it is at all possible, PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING!!!! You do not have to speak, just plan to sit there and let the numbers of paddlers and rowers do the talking. If you definitely plan to come, please send me a reply email to david_abr@yahoo.com. That way, if there are any last minute changes or information, I can be in touch with you.

Thanks in advance for your support and interest. If this project is approved it could be our chance to really advance the mission of BIAC of promoting community paddling and rowing in the Bay Area!!

Thanks,

David Abraham
BIAC President and Chair

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July 14, 2003

Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, Suite 2600
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Attn.: Mr. Will Travis, Executive Director

Subject: Proposed Westpoint(Full Service)Marina @ Westpoint Slough,
Redwood City, CA.

Dear Mr. Travis:

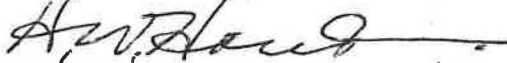
The proposed Westpoint Marina project when completed could well be the Hallmark of what a small boat harbor should be! Fortunately it is sponsored by Mr. Mark Sanders who has the ability and the where with all to provide the South Bay with a much needed boating facility. The South Bay has lost many small boat berthings in the last few years; Palo Alto Yacht Harbor-100+ slips, Peninsula Marina-400+ slips and in the near future, Pete's Harbor will be all but eliminated. Those three facilities contained over 700 small boat slips.

I have lived in Palo Alto and Portola Valley for the past 50+ years, owned three power cruisers and have berthed them in a number of Bay Area marinas. Few area marinas can be called an asset to their respective communities(South Beach-S.F., San Leandro Marina, Emery Cove, Bair Island and few others qualify as assets). A well built ,well managed marina together with a selective liveaboard program is a real plus for any bayside community. Selective liveaboards police their marinas and certainly aid management in security and environmental concerns of their surroundings.

My boat is presently moored in the San Leandro Marina(formerly berthed at Peninsula Marina until its closing in May 2001). San Leandro is an excellent marina but, for me and other South Bay boat owners, getting to it and other central bay marinas is an environmental and vehicular hazard onto itself!

YES, the South Bay needs a first class small boat marina facility and South Bay boaters are fortunate to have a sponsor with the ability of a Mark Sanders to propose and construct a project of this scope. Hopefully, your commission will see fit to approve this outstanding project.

Very sincerely,

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H. W. Houd

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07/09/2003, Update by Mark Sanders

To all Westpoint Marina supporters:

THIS IS IT!

We have reached a moment of truth in our drive towards creation of a full-service marina and boatyard facility in the South San Francisco Bay. Many of you have followed our progress for more than a decade. Through this period we have received approvals one-by-one, making changes and improvements along the way. Westpoint Marina is now a 50-acre marina and boatyard, including covered berths, dry storage and a host of other much needed services. We have received the blessing of every agency save one—BCDC (Bay Conservation and Development Commission).

As I reported in the May update, the Design Review Board (a part of BCDC) has approved the project as being an excellent design with good public access. With that, BCDC accepted our application as “complete” and the project will be formally presented to the full Commission in one week. The good news is that once accepted, an application must be accepted or rejected within three months. The bad news is that the Commission must be convinced that the South Bay has a need for these boating facilities, and that this is a higher environmental use than a bittern pond.

The BCDC Commission is composed of 27 representatives from counties and agencies all over the Bay area, and they will consider this project at a public hearing which will be held on **July 17, 2003, starting at 1 PM at the MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street in Oakland**. Public comment is invited and, as in all political forums, when people show up it makes a very big difference.

I cannot emphasize how critical this meeting is. Within BCDC there is a belief that little boating interest exists in the South Bay--and we are content to go to the North Bay or Alameda estuary to enjoy the Bay. I ask that those of you who believe that the South Bay *also* deserves an active boating,

sailing, fishing and rowing environment to lend a hand and express your support.

If you cannot make the meeting, send a letter voicing your support to Will Travis and Andrea Gaut at BCDC:

Will Travis, Executive Director
BCDC
50 California Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, CA 94111

travis@bcdcc.ca.gov
adreag@bcdcc.ca.gov

I apologize if I sound like a PBS station asking for pledges—but this hearing is the most important milestone so far for Westpoint Marina.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Mark Sanders

Subject: FW: Marinas in SF Bay

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2003 1:15 PM

From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>

To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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Will Travis, Executive Director
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From: "Maddox, Mike {NMR-Palo Alto}" <MIKE.MADDOX@ROCHE.COM>

Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 10:16:27 -0700

To: Travis@bcdcd.ca.gov

Subject: Marinas in SF Bay

There is a need for a full service marina south of the San Mateo Bridge. The proposed Westpoint Marina would fulfill this need and provide additional moorings for larger vessels.

At present, there is no facility for fuel in the south bay. Please approve the application for the Westpoint Marina.

Michael Maddox, Ph.D.

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Subject: FW: Westpoint Marina

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2003 1:17 PM

From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>

To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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Will Travis, Executive Director
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From: "Kay & Jay Oppenheimer" <kplusj@comcast.net>
Reply-To: "Kay & Jay Oppenheimer" <kplusj@comcast.net>
Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 10:48:59 -0700
To: <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>
Subject: Westpoint Marina

Dear Mr. Travis,

I would like to voice my support of the Westpoint Marina in Redwood City. As a long-time sailor, I have been aware of a lack of facilities serving the South Bay Area.

Please accept this letter as a "YES" vote.

Thank you,
Jay Oppenheimer

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Subject: FW: Westpoint Marina

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2003 1:17 PM

From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>

To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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From: Kay Moore <picadillylil@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 10:52:46 -0700 (PDT)
To: travis@bcdcd.ca.gov
Cc: kplusj@comcast.net
Subject: Westpoint Marina

Dear BCDC,

I have been sailing the Bay for 25 years, and have long wondered why there were not more facilities south of the San Mateo Bridge.

Please register me as a YES vote in the matter of the Westpoint Marina in Redwood City.

Thank you,
Kay Moore

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Subject: FW: Westpoint Marina

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2003 1:40 PM

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To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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Will Travis, Executive Director
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From: "John Schrup" <jschrup@unitedamericanbank.com>

Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 13:08:29 -0700

To: <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>

Cc: <msandhill@aol.com>

Subject: Westpoint Marina

Dear Sir:

I strongly recommend this full service marina. Westpoint Marina will be an incredible enhancement to the Peninsula.

Sincerely,

John C. Schrup

President & CEO

United American Bank

101 South Ellsworth Avenue, Suite 110

San Mateo, CA 94401

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Subject: Westpoint Marina Project, Redwood City

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2003 10:06 AM

From: Daniel Alexander <dalexander@alexanderhanson.com>

Reply-To: <dalexander@alexanderhanson.com>

To: <travis@bcdcc.ca.gov>, <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>

Dear BCDCC Commissioners,

I am an active adult sailer, rower and sculler and have witnessed the gradual deterioration of South Bay aquatic facilities for more than thirty years. I ask for your support of the Westpoint Marine project as an opportunity to balance this disturbing decline.

Redwood City (RWC) is the only deep water port in the South Bay capable of supporting the aquatic activities of our large and active population in the mid- and lower peninsula areas. Converting this area of Westpoint Slough into a viable marina is a good use of the property, especially compared to its current briny and fallow use.

I am a member of the Bair Island Aquatic Center (www.gobair.org), a non-profit paddling and rowing club which has several hundred members and about 100 rowing shells, outrigger canoes, dragon boats, and kayaks stored at its facility near Pete's Harbor on the Smith Slough in Redwood City. Though we are a soft and mitigating use of the land and water access (we use primarily hand-powered watercraft with a few outboard motor boats as safety and coaching launches), our lease with Pacific RMC (a concrete company) runs out in a few years. We seek a more permanent home that will continue our tradition of healthy community recreation and environmental stewardship.

Although Stanford University is about to open its new boathouse at the end of Chesapeake drive, that facility is limited to the Stanford community and there continues to be no stable facility for adult ("masters") programs, community access, nor youth ("juniors") development. Area high schools (Palo Alto, Serra, Notre Dame) need a facility for their teams as well. The plan for Westpoint Marina would fill that need appropriately.

Please support the plan to construct the Westpoint Marina.

Sincerely,

Daniel Alexander
262 Creekside Drive
Palo Alto, CA 94306



July 15, 2003

SENT BY FAX TO: (415) 352-3606

Will Travis, Executive Director
Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, California 94111

Subject: BCDC Permit Application No.2-02, Westpoint Marina

Dear Mr. Travis:

The Port of Redwood City is pleased to submit comments in support of the proposed Westpoint Marina project in Redwood City.

For many years the Port of Redwood City has followed the progress of the Westpoint Marina project, proposed for development by Mr. Mark Sanders in a former bittern pond located adjacent to West Point Slough. The general concept of the project has remained constant through the many years of project engineering, design, and permitting. The bittern would be safely removed and the creation of the marina would provide 25 acres of new water area to the Bay. Westpoint Marina would provide a full service recreational boating facility with over 400 berths, boat repair facilities, dry boat storage, public boat launch ramp, and related marine facilities and shops.

The most recent action taken by the Board of Port Commissioners with regards to this project was to issue a permit in July 2002 for the construction of the Westpoint Marina. In issuing the permit, the Port Commission took into consideration the size, nature, location, and character of the proposed project and also the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared for the project by the City of Redwood City.

The Westpoint Marina project will substantially increase recreational boating facilities and services in the Redwood City area. Based on the Port's experience with providing similar recreational boating facilities, we recognize that there is a substantial demand in the South Bay area for these facilities. In addition to berthing for recreational boats, Westpoint Marina will provide facilities for "hand-launched" recreational boats such as kayaks, canoes, and rowing shells. We have witnessed a substantial increase in demand for facilities and waterfront public access by these increasingly popular forms of recreational boating. The Westpoint Marina project fully addresses the environmental concerns of the surrounding area. The MND incorporated 50 mitigation measures in response to comments by the City of Redwood City, public agencies, and environmental organizations.



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In summary, the proposed Westpoint Marina is a well designed and environmentally sensitive project, which will provide needed recreational boating facilities and public access to the Redwood City waterfront for residents of the South Bay area. The Port of Redwood City urges BCDC to favorably consider the permit application for the Westpoint Marina project.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Giari
Executive Director

cc: Rich Gordon, County Board of Supervisors
Ellen Johnck, Bay Planning Commission
Mark Sanders

Subject: Westpoint Marina

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2003 9:53 AM

From: King, Julie <jking@heidrick.com>

To: "'travis@bcdcd.ca.gov'" <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>, "'andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov'" <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

Hello BCDC Commissioners,

I write in support of the approval of the Westpoint Marina in Redwood City. I ask for your kind support and understanding of the need for such a facility.

Redwood City (RWC) is the only deep-water port in the South Bay capable of supporting the aquatic activities of our large and active population in Southern San Mateo and Northern Santa Clara counties. Converting this area of Westpoint Slough into a viable marina is a good use of the property, especially compared to its current briny and fallow use. I am an active sculler and sweep rower and have witnessed the gradual deterioration of South Bay aquatic facilities. It is time to amend this disturbing trend.

I belong to the Bair Island Aquatic Center (www.gobair.org), a non-profit paddling and rowing club with several hundred members and about 100 shells, outriggers, dragon boats, and kayaks stored near Pete's Harbor in RWC. Though we are a soft and mitigating use of the land and water access, our lease with Pacific RMC (a concrete company) runs out in a few years. We seek a more permanent home that will continue our tradition of healthy community recreation and environmental stewardship. Our facilities are used by adults and youth alike as several high schools (Palo Alto, Serra, and Notre Dame) have large rowing programs that use our facilities.

Though Stanford is about to open its new boathouse at the end of Chesapeake drive, there continues to be no stable facility for master (meaning adults) programs, community access, nor youth development. Area high schools need a facility for their teams as well. The plan for Westpoint Marina would fill that need appropriately.

Please support the plan to construct the Westpoint Marina.

Sincerely,

Julie King

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Subject: Westpoint Marina

Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 11:31 PM

From: DFJensen@aol.com

To: <travis@bcdcc.ca.gov>, <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>

I am writing to show my support for the Westpoint Marina project. I am an active member of the outrigger canoe program at the Bair Island Aquatic Center (BIAC) in Redwood City. BIAC offers Community Access Programs (CAPs) to the general public. These programs are designed for adults and young people who want to try out, or reacquaint themselves with, paddling, rowing, or sculling. The plans for the Westpoint Marina call for a boathouse for rowers and paddlers. This community service we provide through our CAPs programs would be greatly enhanced if we could operate out of a modern facility such as the Westpoint Marina.

I hope that BCDCC can give the necessary approvals for the Westpoint Marina so that we can better serve the community through our CAPs programs.

Dave Jensen
Sunnyvale

Subject: FW: Westpoint Marina
Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 4:38 PM
From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>
To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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From: Neil Jarvis <neilrj@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 14:01:55 -0700 (PDT)
To: travis@bcdcd.ca.gov
Subject: Westpoint Marina

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Please support the plan to construct the Westpoint Marina.

Sincerely,

Neil Jarvis
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Cupertino, CA 95014

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To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>

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From: John Graves <jagraves@cisco.com>
Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 11:22:32 -0700
To: travis@bcdcc.ca.gov, andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov
Subject: Westpoint Marina

Dear BCDCC,

I strongly support the new marina proposal for Redwood City. We desperately need more slips and marine facilities in the South Bay. This looks like a well thought out plan and I hope you will approve it. I have had a sailboat in Redwood City for about six years and the new marina would be a welcome addition.

thanks,

- John Graves -

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John Graves
jagraves@yahoo.com
Redwood City, California
Catalina 42, 3 cabin, #703 "Metridium"

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To: <adreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>
Cc: <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>

Greetings,

As the VP of Membership at the Bair Island Aquatic center, I strongly support the development of the Westpoint Marina.

We are a group of paddlers, rowers, from recreational to Olympic contenders. It is great to see action to beautify the area and get people on the water!

Please consider these requests.

Regards, Jonathan Robinson 650.314.0002 www.optimalpi.com
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Subject: FW: Community access from Westpoint Slough

Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 4:08 PM

From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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From: "Gregory W Faris" <gregory.faris@sri.com>

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Reply-To: gregory.faris@sri.com

Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 10:26:31 -0700

To: travis@bcdcd.ca.gov, andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov

Cc: David Abraham <david_abr@yahoo.com>

Subject: Community access from Westpoint Slough

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Thank you for your attention,

Greg Faris

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Dear Will:

I was just made aware of the possibility of the 'West Point Marina' in Redwood City. The south bay currently does not have dry storage marina. I currently store my sailboat in Fremont and if this facility were to open up, I would store my boat at the marina. This facility is only a ½ hour from my home. There is definitely a need for a facility like this. The closes facility in the South Bay is in Alameda. Please call if you need any further input.

Sincerely,



David Spain P.E.

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Commissioners:

I understand that on July 17th, you will be voting on the development application for Westpoint Marina in Redwood City. As a South Bay boater and resident of San Jose I urge you to ***APPROVE*** this project.

The need for a new project is urgent and timely. While the South Bay is an excellent location for boating, marinas and services in support of boating have been diminishing over the past few years, even as the population has increased.

As a small keelboat sailor I am particularly interested in seeing a dry-storage facility with a hoist built in the South Bay. I know of other small keelboat sailors who would like to keep their boats in the South Bay, but cannot because no such facility exists here.

It may seem that there are adequate facilities located in the rest of the Bay, and that no new services are needed in the South Bay. However, the following types of boating are practical only for boaters with convenient access to boats and boating facilities:

- Short sails/outings after work, or during lunch breaks
- Short visits to perform routine maintenance
- Outings where children are involved, which must be timed to correspond with their attention spans
- Daily exercise programs involving rowing, kayaking, or other small craft
- In short; any type of boating activity short of an "all day excursion." Otherwise, two hours of round trip travel time (for instance, from my house to Alameda Marina) is simply too high a cost to bear.

Again, I urge you to approve the Westpoint Marina project.

Regards,

Steven Hartman
1652 Sweetbriar Dr.
San Jose, CA 95125
408 267 8242

Subject: FW: harbor

Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 3:53 PM

From: Will Travis <travis@bcdc.ca.gov>

To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdc.ca.gov>

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From: Orca8634@aol.com

Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 02:03:50 EDT

To: travis@bcdc.ca.gov

Subject: harbor

I Albert Armes a resident of redwood city, and 40 plus years living
In san mateo co, also 20 plus years of boating in the south bay.
We have lost over 400 boat slips in the south bay, and we are
About to lose 300 more boat slips in the future as they will
Develop Petes Harbor. We now are forced to go to the mid bay
To have boat work done, as there is no haul out facility within
30 miles. My wife and I have made over 100 trips out of the
south bay to other parts of San Francisco bay , delta , and
ocean. We like having our boat in the south bay because it
is close to home, and the good weather is great. The need for
a harbor with haulout facility is of the utmost need. The former
use of this 50 acre parcel was for salt, the new use as a harbor
would be 50 acres of water that you do not have now, plus
a great new harbor for the south bay boaters. I hope you will
vote in favor of this project.

Al & Val Armes

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To: Will Travis, Executive Director
BCDC
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San Francisco, CA 94111

From: Ekaterina Petoukhova
Regional Director Eastern Europe and CIS
Snell & Wilcox Ltd
Arbat 35, 214
Moscow, Russia

Subject: Westpoint Marina and Boatyard Project

Dear Sir,

This letter is written in support of the Westpoint Marina. Having learned from the Westpoint Marina website that the BCDC Commission will host a public hearing on the **Westpoint Marina and Boatyard project July 17, 2003**, I would like to add a few points in its favor as a Russian citizen and International Executive of a broadcasting company, who is familiar with San Francisco.

1. The Russians presence in California has a long history (the Russian captain Bering discovered the Pacific Coast for the Russians in 1741). In fact the very first Russian colonists in San Francisco were two sailors who escaped from the ship of famous Russian captain Rezanoff, finding their way to the land of opportunity. There are two kinds of Russians in the present San Francisco colony — the immigrants who came first to escape the monarchists and the refugees who have come recently to escape the bolsheviki.

Since "Perestroika" time Russia has change a lot. We are living in democratic and free society, and the land of opportunity is now our homeland. Our economy shows stable growth, and Russians are building their own small and large business. Many of them have a realized success and therefore gain the wealth to be able buy boats and even ocean yachts. To say the excellent Westpoint Marina located in South San Francisco Bay will be very attractive for Russian tourists and sports sailors due to the historical connection between our countries is an exaggeration, but do you realize the value of this freedom?

The implementation of this project will add more attraction not only for Russian tourists, but also for ocean-going sailors from around the world, and even just California.

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2. The second strong point of the project is the leadership of Mr. M. Sanders, whom I know as one of the most successful CEO's in the broadcasting manufacturing business. My company competes with Pinnacle. His vision in broadcasting technology and ability to build a team of excellent engineers and managers brought Pinnacle Systems to a leading position in the United States and the international broadcasting community. I am aware that Mr. Sanders has good knowledge of the Bay and the overall problems and the difficulties that sailing people facing at present, and he has worked to correct this for many years. Is it true that one citizen can still make a difference in America?

Why waste experience such as Mr. Sanders presents as an international executive, with a project that is carefully planned to provide not only docks and maintenance areas for sailing, but has the areas for other related businesses, including all sorts of family activity (like shops and restaurants) and lots of facility for the youth education and training. The future development of this project opens tremendous opportunity to enrich the local community life and increase the wealth of its members.

With great hope on positive decision,

Sincerely yours,

Ekaterina Petoukhova, PhD

Subject: Community access from Westpoint Slough

Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 10:26 AM

From: Gregory W Faris <gregory.faris@sri.com>

Reply-To: gregory.faris@sri.com

To: <travis@bcdcc.ca.gov>, <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>

Cc: David Abraham <david_abr@yahoo.com>

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11 July 2003

Commissioners and Staff
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
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Re: BCDC Permit Application No. 2-02 (Agenda Item # 9)
Westpoint Marina --
Due for Commission Consideration--7/17/03

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) is pleased to make the following comments on the proposed Westpoint Marina in Redwood City. RBOC is a non-profit governmental advocacy organization which works to protect and enhance the interests of this states recreational boaters. We are also committed to the promotion, enjoyment, protection and responsible use of our waterways. As a member of the BCDC Citizens Advisory Committee, I have long worked for a clean, safe and responsible boating environment. These comments therefore, are also submitted and support my personal views on this worthy project.

The proposed Westpoint Marina is a well designed, environmentally sensitive project which, has earned our support. This project is situated on 50 acres and consists of 416 berths on 26 acres of water along with a related boating repair facility, dry boat storage, and marine related shops and facilities. (It should be noted that the closed Peninsula Marina had 425 berths on only 12 acres.) It should also be noted that this project will actually add 26 acres of water back into the bay and make use of a caustic old sterile bittern pond which is no longer in operation.

The recently revised BCDC Bay Plan N-1-02 emphasized that water-oriented recreational uses should be preserved and where appropriate, enhanced. The application before you for consideration in our view is in complete agreement with the plan. This destination boating facility will assist in providing water related recreational activity in the South Bay and will be an enhancement.

This project is a badly needed on the Redwood City waterfront to replace a number of marina and marina related facilities which have been closed down or abandoned due to approved development. The loss of the 425 berth Peninsula Marina to building development and the soon to be shut down Pete's Harbor for condominium development is creating a major shortage of berths. In addition the South Bay Boat Works, a boatyard, ceased operations and the remaining fuel dock at Pete's Harbor has been closed.

These closures not only create a shortage of berths, they place a greater risk on the environmental safety of the South Bay. Vessels needing repair have to be moved to San Francisco, Alameda or points further into the central Bay where facilities presently exist. This becomes a critical point if there is an emergency with a boat as the vessel operators have few options other than beaching the boat. The addition of a boatyard is badly needed in the entire Redwood Creek area. The fuel dock in this project will again provide a safer and environmentally controllable place for boats to be refueled as compared to what is now probably a carry aboard and fill (and perhaps spill) process.

We have reviewed the project also for environmental sensitivity. This is, in our estimation, the most environmentally sensitive marina that we have had the opportunity to evaluate. This is undoubtedly due to the long, well over a decade of development and care by the developer, review by governmental agencies and the resulting changes and enhancements. All should be proud of the project that has resulted. The project utilizes much more open water than other marinas, it has added marina greens and board walks for the public and due to its design, pleasant, open views are provided for both the boaters and the public. It will have the latest technology in collection and containment in the boatyard and many other environmental enhancements. As a total package, it represents the state of the art in marina design, and will serve as a model if similar future developments are undertaken.

Dredging is always an issue in our turbid San Francisco Bay, but this location near Redwood Creek, a deep ship channel, and due to a good flushing action will require minimum maintenance. The developer, an avid sailor, successful businessman, and environmentalist has committed to additional provisions which will further help protect the environment. These provisions will aid in the protection of Greco Island which is across from this project. It should be noted the the existing Redwood Shores office development is actually closer to Greco Island than this development will be.

Recreational Boaters therefore, after considering all aspect of this application, is pleased to see this badly needed marina and related facility reach this final stage. We strongly recommend that you approve this project now so construction can start this year.

Sincerely,



Russell H. Robinson
President

cc;
Jerry Desmond
Director of Governmental Affairs
& Board of Directors
Recreational Boaters of California
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From: "Sheila & Marty" <sheilamartw@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 18:26:04 -0700
To: <travis@bcdca.gov>
Subject: Westpoint Marina

I am not able to attend next Thursday's design review in Oakland, but I wish to indicate my total support for the project. I have my own shell and have been sculling for about 8 years in the Port of Redwood City Area--out of Stanford Rowing Club and BIAC. The Marina would be an ideal location for me and I would use it regularly.

Martin Wank
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Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

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Subject: FW: Approval of Westpoint Marina

Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 3:51 PM

From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcc.ca.gov>

To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>

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From: Griffith Harsh <gharsh@stanford.edu>

Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 17:16:12 -0700

To: travis@bcdcc.ca.gov

Cc: andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov

Subject: Approval of Westpoint Marina

Will Travis

Executive Director, BCDC

50 California Street, Suite 2600

San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Mr. Travis:

Unable to attend Thursday's meeting because of a full surgery schedule, I am eager to urge BCDC's approval of the Westpoint Marina and boatyard project. Our region is in desperate need of these facilities. Our family is heavily involved with our local high school crew team that has no place from which to row without this facility. Our crew team has grown rapidly over the last two years, providing a wonderful learning experience for almost 50 kids. Without this facility, the team will likely face disbandment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Griff Harsh

Professor, Neurosurgery
Stanford Medical Center

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Subject: FW: westpoint marina
Date: Monday, July 14, 2003 1:03 PM
From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>
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Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 10:34:56 -0700
To: travis@bcdcd.ca.gov
Subject: re: westpoint marina

Dear Sir,

I have been following the developments in the south bay in regard to the westpoint marina with interest.

I am very excited to see this development as it will enhance the boating community in the southbay.

I myself own a catamaran which is berthed at bair island. In order for me to get any boat services I have to travel to richmond for haul outs. In case of some severe problems this would be quite some expense. I feel, that I am not getting my full services for the taxes that I pay to the county in terms of usability of the south bay. Sure, I could move my boat into the north bay. But I just happen to like the south bay. To explain this further, the marinas beyond the turning basin in the RWC harbor have non-dredged water ways. At times there is less than 3' of water to reach my marina, making the crossing a challenge for me and an impossibility for others to enter or leave the marinas. Again, I am not getting my full return for the (high) taxes that I have to pay just to own a boat.

Having such a facility with all the possible businesses that are planned to be there (restaurants, parks, repair, fuel) would tremendously enhance the southbay and redwood city. Currently, the harbor is just this ugly industrial complex. I heard from older people about what RWC had originally planned in this area to make it a real nice waterfront to enjoy. just to see it turned down due to some minor problems. And now, there are just ugly concrete silos, piles of dirt, sand, concrete, recycle material that are not very appealing.

I really must commend Mr. Sanders having taken on such task to enhance the south bay boating environment and for committing to remove some of

salt pollutions (bitter) and like to ask for your help to support Mr Sanders and us in the south bay. We all will win if this goes through.

thank you

Stephan Wendl
(south bay boater)

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Date: Monday, July 14, 2003 1:10 PM
From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>
To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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From: "Anita Giani" <anita@gianiworks.com>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 12:44:25 -0700
To: <adreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>, <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>
Subject: Westpoint Marina

Dear Will Travis and Andrea Gaut,
I am writing in support of the Westpoint Marina project. Those of us who live and boat in the south bay really need this project and the services it will offer us.

My husband and I have lived aboard a sailboat in Pete's Harbor in Redwood City for eight years. We love the area, the weather, the access to work. It is the best place to be in the South Bay. The main difficulty of living here is the lack of services. The nearest fuel to us is at Coyote Point, which is about an hour and a half to two-hour trip for us. We recently had our standing and running rigging upgraded along with bottom painting and other work done; for this we had to go to Sausalito and leave our boat for two weeks. When we had canvas work done, we went to Alameda. Needless to say, none of this is very convenient. We know there are many boaters such as us who would use and support a place where we could go for such services in the south bay.

There is a very active boating community in the south bay. We are members of Sequoia Yacht Club whose activities include junior sailboat training, high school sailing, a remote control (RC) laser sailing fleet, a small and large sailboat fleet, a power fleet, all with scheduled regattas, cruise-outs, and frequent cruise-ins by many of the yacht clubs from north of us. Beyond our regular club activities, we sponsor the South Bay Opening Day, Fourth of July activities, a summer Wednesday Night Beer Can Racing series, and in the winter the Redwood Cup, all of which are open to the public.

A place like Westpoint Marina would make it easier for the public to access the water and provide the infrastructure that our boating community needs. It's a great use of that piece of land and water.

Please approve this great project. We need it.

Respectfully,
Anita Giani, s/v Liberty Call II
Member of the South Bay boating community and past commodore, Sequoia Yacht

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From: Robert Nelson <bobnjeand@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 20:44:17 -0700
To: <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>
Subject: Westpoint Marina

Dear Mr. Travis:

We are sending our strongest support for the approval of Westpoint Marina in Redwood City.

We have been South Bay boaters for 30 years. Since we have always lived and worked in the South Bay, having our boat in the South Bay allows us to use it more often and enjoy coming to the boat after work and on weekends.

The development of Westpoint Marina creates additional waterway and replaces the toxic bittern pond. This marina also allows access to the public at large to enjoy the water views and observe the area wildlife.

From the Port of Redwood City we have cruised to Mexico and the Pacific Northwest and have always returned to the South Bay after our voyages. There is a long maritime history in Redwood City and it is appalling to think there would no longer be a place to keep a boat in Redwood City. We have seen land developers take over the marinas 1 by 1 and soon there will no longer be a suitable place to keep a boat in the South Bay. Hundreds of thousands of people live and work in the South Bay and need convenient places to keep their boats.

Furthermore in a time of financial struggle for cities and counties in California, the loss of the property taxes that are levied on boats would place an additional burden on local government.

Westpoint Marina has been a well thought-out project and has received approvals from all other agencies involved. We strongly urge the BCDC to add its approval so that boating in the South Bay continues to be a choice for ALL boaters in the Bay Area and residents of the Peninsula.

Yours truly,

Bob & Jean Nelson

Subject: FW: Westpoint Marina

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From: Mark Millet <mmillet@cisco.com>
Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 00:31:10 -0700
To: travis@bcdcd.ca.gov, andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov
Subject: Re: Westpoint Marina

As a highly technical engineer myself, I quickly see through "marketing" presentations and ask the hard technical questions. Mark Sanders has clearly demonstrated:

- he is a devoted sailor / boater
- he has a solid design plan
- extensive engineering and technical knowledge
- and most importantly -- done his homework to do the job right the first time

This will bring much needed facilities back to the south bay, in a modern setting, with good environmental benefit -- today there is a bittern pond, which for all intensive purposes is a toxic waste site from left over salt production. The marina would remove the toxic material, restore water, and allow about 400+ spots for boats of all sizes, not to mention important repair facilities, etc.

As a south bay boater who knows the pleasure of taking the boat 4+ hours each way to Alameda for any sort of service, this is a very important project.

To put it simply: Westpoint Marina is an excellent idea, and I strongly urge you to permit Mark Sanders to build as quickly as possible. This project is a substantial boost to the local economy, and long term will lead to extensive sales, property, and real estate taxes -- not to mention LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL INVOLVED.

At 03:49 PM 7/12/2003 -0700, Anita Giani wrote:

To all member of SYC who are interested in the Westpoint Marina project, here is an update from Mark Sanders.

To all Westpoint Marina supporters:

THIS IS IT!

We have reached a moment of truth in our drive towards creation of a full-service marina and boatyard facility in the South San Francisco Bay. Many of you have followed our progress for more than a decade. Through this period we have received approvals one-by-one, making changes and improvements along the way. Westpoint Marina is now a 50-acre marina and boatyard, including covered berths, dry storage and a host of other much needed services. We have received the blessing of every agency save one -BCDC (Bay Conservation and Development Commission).

As I reported in the May update, the Design Review Board (a part of BCDC) has approved the project as being an excellent design with good public access. With that, BCDC accepted our application as "complete" and the project will be formally presented to the full Commission in one week. The good news is that once accepted, an application must be accepted or rejected within three months. The bad news is that the Commission must be convinced that the South Bay has a need for these boating facilities, and that this is a higher environmental use than a bittern pond.

The BCDC Commission is composed of 27 representatives from counties and agencies all over the Bay area, and they will consider this project at a public hearing which will be held on July 17, 2003, starting at 1 PM at the MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street in Oakland. Public comment is invited and, as in all political forums, when people show up it makes a very big difference.

I cannot emphasize how critical this meeting is. Within BCDC there is a belief that little boating interest exists in the South Bay--and we are content to go to the North Bay or Alameda estuary to enjoy the Bay. I ask that those of you who believe that the South Bay also deserves an active boating, sailing, fishing and rowing environment to lend a hand and express your support.

If you cannot make the meeting, send a letter voicing your support to Will Travis and Andrea Gaut at BCDC:

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Cc: MSanders@pinnaclesys.com
Subject: Westpoint Marina

To: Will Travis & Andrea Gaut
Bay Conservation & Development Corps.

Dear Sir & Madam,

We would like to express our support for the Westpoint Marina project which is planned to be brought to public hearing on July 17th.

Having been boaters in the Bay for over 20 years, and lived aboard for some of these, we came to love the Bay and its beauty and to have immeasurable respect for keeping it that way. Our son was born aboard our boat and knew no other life for many years. He loves it as we do and plans to study Marine Biology as a result of this exposure.

Many years ago the Palo Alto Marina was closed and converted to a wildlife habitat. With the closure of Peninsula Marina and Pete's Harbor for what sounds like it will be an eyesore of highrise condo's and the impending downsizing of Docktown Marina for the new Bayshore Road extension, there is a serious shortage of boat slips in the South Bay. Many of the boaters affected by these closures have had to sell or move their boats into dry storage (as we did), or so far north or into the Delta that it's now inconvenient or impossible to use them.

Mark Sanders is to be applauded for having dedicated himself to a project of this scope; for meeting or exceeding every mitigation presented from every agency thus far. His enthusiasm for the project and sensitivity to the area is echoed by his many supporters. The length of the waiting list for slips

alone

should surely indicate to you that the need for a well designed, full service

facility such as this in the South Bay far exceeds its use as a bittern pond.

The addition of an Interpretive Center will continue to educate the public on

the diversity of the Bay

We urge you to approve this project which will provide access to the many boating, rowing, sailing and fishing enthusiasts of the South Bay Area and beyond.

Sincerely yours,

Jim & Deby Bush

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Subject: Westpoint Marina

Date: Monday, July 14, 2003 6:25 PM

From: Sheila & Marty <sheilamartw@sbcglobal.net>

To: <andreag@bcdca.gov>

I am not able to attend next Thursday's design review in Oakland, but I wish to indicate my total support for the project. I have my own shell and have been sculling for about 8 years in the Port of Redwood City Area--out of Stanford Rowing Club and BIAC. The Marina would be an ideal location for me and I would use it regularly.

Martin Wank
28008 Natoma Road
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Subject: Westpoint Marina Project

Date: Monday, July 14, 2003 8:56 AM

From: Ray Holland <rholland@pacific.net.sg>

To: <travis@bcdcc.ca.gov>, <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>

Dear Mr Travis

I write to support the approval of the Westpoint Marina project, Redwood City.

I am a keen sailor, former employee of Ampex Corporation, Redwood City and an Australian citizen. You may ask what interest I have in this project, specially since I am not a local resident.

Over the past 30 years I have enjoyed sailing on San Francisco Bay on numerous occasions during my frequent visits to USA and specifically the Bay Area, on business and pleasure. I enjoyed the convenience of the boating facilities nearby to Redwood City both on and off the water but I have been dismayed at the continued depletion of these facilities in recent years. This was re-enforced when the last time I sailed in the Bay, we had to join the boat in Oakland!

Clearly the South Bay needs boating facilities to replace those lost to residential development. I believe Westpoint Marina is a well researched and strongly supported project to provide these facilities in a responsible way.

I am currently on an extended holiday cruising in the Mediterranean, particularly, Italy, Greece and Turkey. You may be aware that the cruising fraternity is a major economic factor for Mediterranean countries, both tourists and local boaters. It is pleasing to see that there are significant developments in the region supported by European Union (EU) funding to promote these activities in an environmentally friendly manner.

This experience prompts me to write to you to support Westpoint Marina as I hope someday I will be able to sail into San Francisco Bay and pull into a marina close to my friends of so many years. Heaven forbid that I have to find a berth in Oakland and commute to Redwood City to visit my friends!

I trust that Westpoint Marina will be recognised as a worthy project for the approval of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Yours faithfully

Ray Holland
S/Y OzSea
Sydney

Subject: FW: Westpoint Marina Project
Date: Monday, July 14, 2003 1:08 PM
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To: travis@bcdcd.ca.gov, adreag@bcdcd.ca.gov
Subject: Westpoint Marina Project

Sirs,

Please make it possible for the public to enjoy boating and have a facility that shall serve the South Bay Boating communities needs and wants. I heard a rumor that within BCDC there is a belief that little boating interest exists in the South Bay--and we are content to go to the North Bay or Alameda estuary to enjoy the Bay. Trust me, as a long term South Bay boater, that is simply not the case.

There are two active Yacht Clubs in Redwood City, one of which, the Sequoia Yacht Club was the PICYA Club of the Year in 1999 and a perpetual 2 or 3 star club, which makes them one of the most active clubs in Northern California, more so than the St. Francis YC, the San Francisco YC, the Richmond YC, the Encinal YC and many other active and healthy clubs in the surrounding area. The club activities include Junior Sailboat Training, High School Sailing, a RC sailing fleet, a Small and large sailboat fleet, a power fleet, all with scheduled regattas, cruise-outs, and other regular cruise-ins by many of the previously mentioned clubs. Beyond their club activities, they sponser the South Bay Opening Day, Fourth of July activities, a summer Wednesday Night Beer Can Racing series, and in the winter the Redwood Cup, all of which are open to the public.

Just west of the Sequoia YC is the Stanford University \$7,500,000.00 brand new boathouse. which is the home of their Sailing and Rowing programs. Stanford may have 20, 30 or more boats in the water daily.

Speaking of rowers: there must be at least 10 differant and active rowing clubs using Redwood Creek. Plus multitudes of Ocean Kayakers, Outriggers, and an occassional traditional dingy with oars.

It is not unusual to see 40 to 50 recreational fishing boats out on a daily basis. Along with several commercial boats.

As you can tell, I believe the South Bay deserves and needs a marine facility to serve the active boating, sailing, fishing and rowing community.

Thank you for your consideration. Help make this happen.

Sincerely,

Larry R. Mayne, Yacht and Ship Broker, and Past Commodore of the Sequoia Yacht Club

Subject: FW: Westpoint Marina support
Date: Monday, July 14, 2003 2:15 PM
From: Will Travis <travis@bcdca.gov>
To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdca.gov>

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From: Phillip Meredith <PMeredith@lwecorp.com>
Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 09:30:11 -0700
To: travis@bcdca.gov
Subject: Westpoint Marina support

Dear Mr. Travis,

I am writing this note to express my strong support for the Westpoint Marina project.

As a long time resident in the South bay and recent boat owner, I have seen both years of very active boating and years of declined interest in South Bay boating. It appears to me that we are beginning to see a rise in interest again in the South bay. The Westpoint Marina project would contribute significantly to the interests of many water enthusiasts and would receive strong support from the many active sailors in the Redwood Creek area.

Please support this important project and help us increase the availability of berthing space and services to the many interested boaters in our region.

Thank you,

Best regards,

Phillip Meredith

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Subject: Westpoint Marina: A needed good use

Date: Monday, July 14, 2003 9:46 AM

From: Peter M. Allen <pmallen@alumni.princeton.edu>

Reply-To: <pmallen@alumni.princeton.edu>

To: <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>, <travis@bcdcc.ca.gov>

Greetings BCDCC Commissioners,

I write in support of the approval of the Westpoint Marina in Redwood City. I ask for your kind support and understanding of the need for such a facility.

Redwood City (RWC) is the only deep water port in the South Bay capable of supporting the aquatic activities of our large and active population in lower 650, and 408. Converting this area of Westpoint Slough into a viable marina is a good use of the property, especially compared to its current briny and fallow use. I am an active sculler and have witnessed the gradual deterioration of South Bay aquatic facilities for (a mere) twenty years. It is time to ammend this disturbing trend.

I belong to the Bair Island Aquatic Center (www.gobair.org), a non profit paddling and rowing club which has several hundred members and about 100 shells, outriggers, dragon boats, and kayaks stored near Pete's Harbor in RWC. Though we are a soft and mitigating use of the land and water access, our lease with Pacific RMC (a concrete company) runs out in a few years. We seek a more permanent home that will continue our tradition of healthy community recreation and environmental stewardship.

Though Stanford is about to open its new boathouse at the end of Chesapeake drive, there continues to be no stable facility for master programs, community access, nor youth development. Area high schools (Palo Alto, Sierra Notre Dame) need a facility for their teams as well. The plan for Westpoint Marina would fill that need appropriately.

Please support the plan to construct the Westpoint Marina.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Allen
Palo Alto 94301

Subject: FW: West Point Marina Meeting

Date: Monday, July 14, 2003 1:33 PM

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Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 09:26:49 -0400
To: travis@bcdcd.ca.gov
Subject: West Point Marina Meeting

Sir,

As an active boater on the Bay, living in San Jose, I would appreciate your efforts in approving the proposed West Point Marina in Redwood City. Any reduction in travel on our freeways would be great !

I have a 24 foot powerboat and two kayaks. Once people explore the area they find that the South Bay is a great place to enjoy nature and escape our rapid paced daily life.

Regards,
David Naumann
(408) 497-5667

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Subject: FW: Supporting letter

Date: Monday, July 14, 2003 3:11 PM

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To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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From: Margarita <margot_s@o2.pl>
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To: travis@bcdcd.ca.gov
Subject: Supporting letter

Hello,
I am polish student, like sailing, I find website
www.westpoinmarina.com. I would like to support the idea, because it
opens greate opportunity for young people to get together and learn
how to serf and sail.
Thanks for looking into this question.
Margarita Slepakow from Warsaw

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Subject: FW: West Point Slough full service Marina

Date: Monday, July 14, 2003 4:33 PM

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To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 16:32:43 -0700

To: <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>

Cc: <adreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

Subject: West Point Slough full service Marina

I will be unable to attend the hearing on this vital project, but wanted you to know of my full support for it.

If you were to draw a line from Oakland Airport to San Francisco Airport ,
all the people below that line
do not have access to a full service Marina.

I've been boating for twenty-eight years, live in Saratoga and have watched
the south bay boating
facilities slowly disappear.

Eugene Brown
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Saratoga, CA 95070

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Attn: Ms. Andrea Gaut ✓

Re: Westpoint Marina - Application No. 2-02
Mark Sanders - Applicant
Hearing: 7/17/03, 1:00 p.m., Oakland, CA

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the Westpoint Marina project on behalf of a number of Olympic and World Championship medalists who have trained for Olympic and other international rowing competition on the Redwood Creek waters since the early 1950's.

To give you a very brief summary of the importance of rowing in Redwood Creek, here are some historical perspectives.

In the 45 years between 1956 and 2000, seven men's crews from the United States have won Olympic gold medals. Three of those crews were composed entirely of rowers who trained here, and a fourth crew was led by a Redwood Creek oarsman. Redwood Creek rowers have also won one Olympic silver, two Olympic bronze, three World Championship gold and one World Championship bronze medals over this same period. It is fair to say that no body of water has produced more Olympic and World medal crews in that 45 years than the waters of Redwood Creek.

Most recently, in the last two World Rowing Championships, Kristin Goodrich, a 27 year old resident of San Mateo County and a graduate of Woodside High School, who took her first strokes on Redwood Creek with her high school friends, represented the United States in two women's sculling events, both Olympic events. This year she has become the best USA women's sculler, and will represent the USA at this year's World Championship in the Single Sculls event in Milan next month.

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The first known site for a boathouse with access to Redwood Creek was Stanford's early 1900's boathouse next to Frank's Tannery where Mervyn's is now located. The crew relocated to Palo Alto thereafter, but lost its site there in the 1950's, finding itself an orphan program with no home. The City of Redwood City then adopted the Crew program as its own, which enabled local rowing to continue in existence with a new boathouse built by Stanford students and alumni on the site now occupied by Clark's restaurant. An article by Ed Jacobowsky, former Sports Editor of the Redwood City Tribune, memorialized the support this City gave to rowing at its time of need, and is enclosed. Additionally, for years the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce proudly characterized Redwood City on its letterhead as "The Home of the San Francisco 49ers and the Stanford Crew", and the Crew is still here.

In the 1960's the Pacific Coast Collegiate Rowing Championships were staged on Redwood Creek, and hosted collegiate rowers from universities from British Columbia all the way to Southern California.

Today, these waters are home base for all Stanford men and women rowers, a burgeoning population of enthusiastic high school juniors from the area, and a body of local residents and masters rowers, whose ages range from the mid-twenties to the mid-sixties. All of these people desperately need continued access to these waters from suitable facilities where they do not have to wade through bay mud to launch their shells, as is the case with most of the high school rowers now. These people are serious athletes, training regularly for local, national and even international competition. Indeed, among the masters now rowing here are rowers who, as a group, have competed in almost every Olympic Games between 1960 and 2000, and are passing the torch to those who will follow.

The sport of rowing and training on these waters presents a unique, wholesome, and ideal opportunity to use and enjoy the waters of Redwood Creek in the most environmentally sensible, compatible and protective manner possible. This is a sport that is in complete harmony with the natural environment of these baylands and the ecological and biotic systems the baylands support. In fact, one of the most desirable and popular stretches of water for rowing over the last 50 years has been the wind-protected reaches of the meandering Westpoint Slough, which, as the passage of time attests, has caused no adverse impacts to the Slough or its adjacent baylands during that long period.

It is well known that opportunities for convenient access to the placid Bay waters by rowers and kayakers is becoming more and more difficult, as office building and other commercial and residential projects block such access. The Westpoint Marina project guarantees continued access to the same body of water that has been so important to

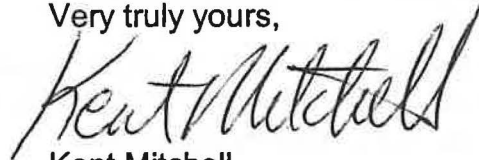
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local rowing activity for the last 50 years, and comes at yet another critical time of need, when continued access is more threatened by development alternatives.

For these reasons, we urge your whole-hearted support for the students and residents of the San Francisco Peninsula and South Bay community of rowers by voting in favor of the requested permit authorizing a full service marina and related facilities for the Westpoint Marina.

Thank you for your consideration and please make this letter a part of the record at the Commission's July 17th public hearing on this matter.

Very truly yours,



Kent Mitchell

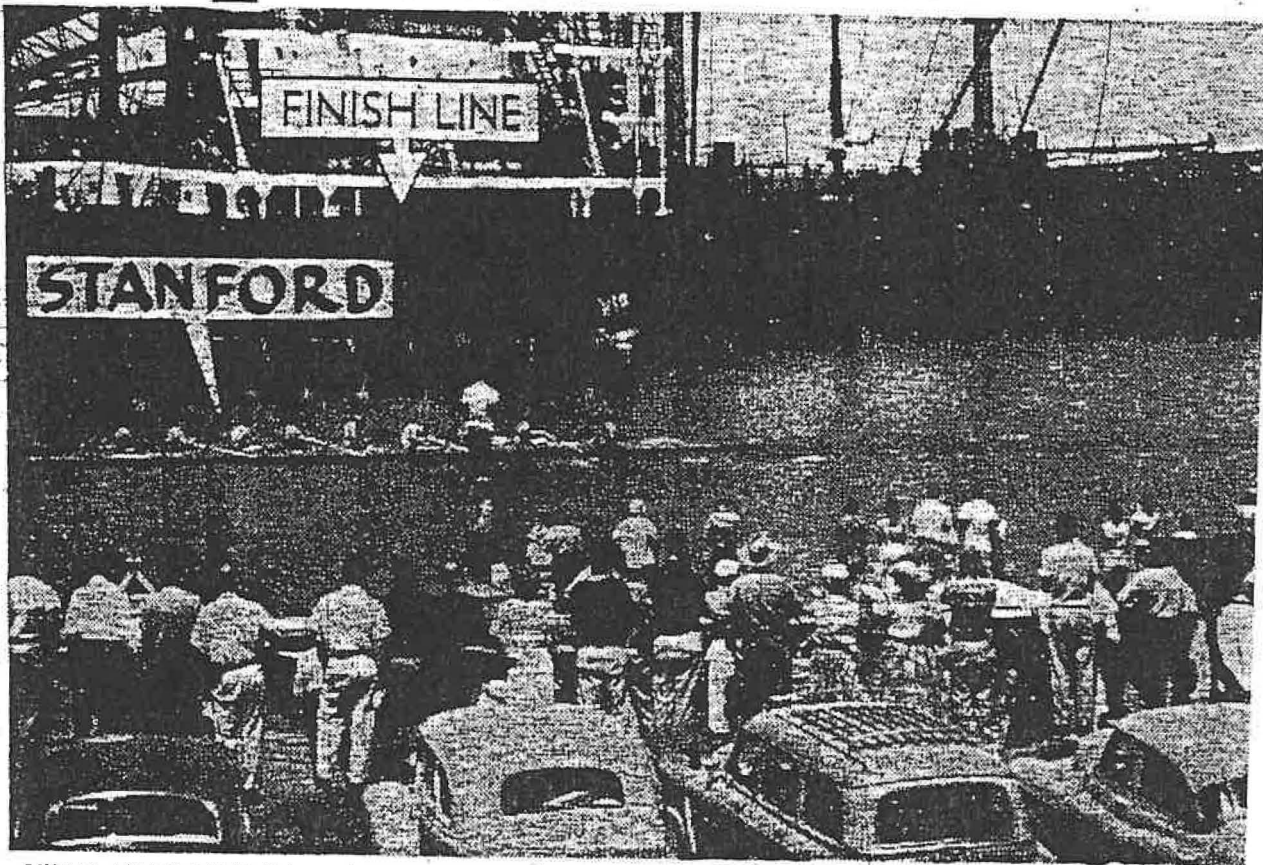
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- Olympic Gold '64, Bronze '60
- US Rowing Hall of Fame, '65
- US National Team Coach, '66
- Current Director, National
Rowing Foundation
- Founder, WorldRowers.com

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Orphan Indian



VIEW AT FINISH LINE AS DEDICATED STANFORD CREW SCORED HISTORIC TWO AN

Mighty Upset by 2½ Lengths Stirs Wild Celebration

REDWOOD CITY, June 4.—The "millennium" was reached here today when Stanford's dedicated "orphans" of crew broke a thirty-eight-year famine by crushing California's once mighty Navy in the varsity running of the annual Big Row down the winding Port of Redwood City course.

No Horatio Alger episode has been given a more moving climax than the Indians put to their "fight for life" today by sailing across the finish line a smashing two and a half lengths head of the Bears, the first time since 1917 that has been accomplished.

It mattered not to followers of the Stanford Red that their previously undefeated freshman eight had wallowed in the Cal tubs' wake by a length and a quarter. Or that the Injun Jayvees had taken a three and three-quarter length shellacking.

Stanford won the Big Row with a powerful last mile finishing surge.

The throng clustered around the finish line at the Sequoia Yacht Club gave the Indians and their youthful volunteer coach, Lou Lindsey, a reception that seldom has been accorded a representative of the Cardinal and White.

Stanford, which still must raise \$1,000 to pay its way to the intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta at Syracuse, had eaten once proud California in crew!

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There, the Indians got still another award—to go with the treasured rowing jerseys they took from their Bear rivals.

Mayor Sidney D. Herkner of Redwood City, happy as an undergrad, announced he immediately would appoint a civic committee to raise the funds necessary to pay off the \$2,000 in bills outstanding on the boathouse construction.

The Indians will have to look elsewhere for the \$1,000 still needed to send them to the IRA regatta, where they'll challenge the best in the land two weeks hence.

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Subject: Westpoint Marina

Date: Friday, July 11, 2003 10:36 AM

From: Curtis Lind <curt@calequipment.com>

To: <Andreag@bcdca.gov>

Andrea Gaut

Concerning the West Point Marina project in Redwood City I would like to see it built. I have two boats that I would move there if the marina is built. There is very little berthage available in South Bay in ratio to the population in South Bay and that makes access to the bay for boaters living in South Bay difficult. I would also like to see the marina in Alviso dredged for the same reason. The South bay is beautiful and unused because the facilities in Redwood City are full, and both Palo Alto and Alviso are closed (both of these ports were once very active). You have a duty to provide public access to the bay which includes boaters and South Bay. All the access points have been closed and you need to reverse this trend. Thank you.

Curt Lind

415 531 8546

July 11, 2003

Mr. Will Travis and Ms. Andrea Gaut
BCDC
50 California Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Mr. Travis and Ms. Gaut:

Re: Westpoint Marina.

I request that you and your committee please approve the project submitted by Westpoint Marina for a 50-acre marina and boatyard, including covered berths, dry storage and a host of other much required services. Your approval is necessary to move this most needed project forward.

As a rower for over thirty years, I cannot think of a resource that is more in need in the South Bay. We currently have so little in the way of rowing clubs in the South Bay. This project will allow so many more people to participate in a wonderful sport. I am really excited about the prospect of a new boathouse on the Peninsula.

The project design is excellent with good public access. I am completely convinced, as I hope you will be too, that the South Bay has a real and serious need for these boating facilities, and that this is a higher environmental use than a bittern pond.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to this matter.

Very truly yours,

William B. Lonergan.

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Subject: [Fwd: Westpoint Marina]
Date: Friday, July 11, 2003 12:28 PM
From: Will Travis <travis@bcdcd.ca.gov>
Reply-To: travis@bcdcd.ca.gov
To: Andrea Gaut <andreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>

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Reply-To: <randy@carrcapital.com>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 07:25:26 -0700
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Cc: <adreag@bcdcd.ca.gov>, <MSanders@pinnaclesys.com>
Subject: Westpoint Marina

Re: Westpoint Marina

Attn: BCDC

This letter is written in support of the Westpoint Marina project. Unfortunately, I am out of town and will not be able to attend the public hearing. Where I am available I would gladly attend to voice my support of the marina project. I have been an active member of the boating community for many years in the South Bay and such a facility would not only service the needs of the boating community but could eventually serve as a water hub for Bay area transportation.

Again, I fully support the marina project and ask for your immediate approval.

Sincerely,

Randy Carr

Carr Capital Management, Inc.

Subject: Westpoint Marina project

Date: Friday, July 11, 2003 7:41 PM

From: Teresa Feiock <teresa@theshakers.org>

To: <andreag@bcdcc.ca.gov>

Dear Mr. Travis and Ms. Gaut,

I am writing in support of the Westpoint Marina boating project. My fifteen year old daughter has become an avid rower over the past year and a half. She and her high school teammates share an amazing comradery that I have not seen in the other sports she has played. The dedication to early hours, inclement weather, and hard work go beyond many other sports that are available to teens.

Access to quality facilities and just plain access to the water are critical to the success of these programs. High school kids have enough pressures with academics and extra-curricular activities, without adding long commutes to their activities. The prospect of having to commute far north, south or east makes this sport unviable for many excellent rowers and their families. My daughter has excelled at this sport and is currently participating by invitation in the Junior National Development Camp in Connecticut. Please support her and other current and future mid-peninsula and south bay rowers by voting in favor of the permits for the Westpoint Marina.

Sincerely,

Teresa Feiock

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Menlo Park, CA

-Teresa Feiock

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From: Dan Lavi <dan@DIALSOUND.com>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 08:53:08 -0700
To: travis@bcdcc.ca.gov, adreag@bcdcc.ca.gov
Subject: Westpoint Marina

Will Travis
Executive Director BCDCC
50 California Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Mr. Travis,

Sadly I will not be able to attend the public hearing scheduled for July 17, 2003, at 1 PM at the Metro Center Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street in Oakland.

As a boater for over 35 years, I have seen the North Bay developing and attracting boaters while the South Bay was neglected and the little that was in the South Bay deteriorated and was taken away from the boaters. Pit's Harbor, and Dock Town Marina are two sad examples. As a result there is very little activity in the South Bay and polluters can come freely without any concern of being stopped, reported or reprimanded like in the North Bay.

I am in full support of the creation of a full-service marina and boatyard facility in the South San Francisco Bay. I know that it will promote safe and clean boating, enhance the looks of the South Bay, and will bring life to the ailing boating industry in the South Bay.

Please uproot this project.

Sincerely,
Dan Lavi

Subject: crew

Date: Thursday, July 10, 2003 7:50 PM

From: Emmhc@aol.com

To: <andreag@bcdca.gov>

~Andrea Gaut

Please make this email a part of the public record at the July 17th Commission's hearing on Permit Application No. 2-02, the Westpoint Marina Project.

I am a rower for Silicon Valley Crew; a new boathouse would be ideal and necessary for the growing popularity and participation in crew. Because of the loss of other boathouse sites, such as Stanford, Serra, and Peninsula, our team may not be able to find a place to hold practice, and as a result force the team to break up. Redwood City harbor is a great location for rowing because of its accessibility to people in this area, multiple inlets, and challenging waters. Rowing is a great way for youth like myself to exercise and meet new people. It stresses discipline, teamwork, and physical and mental strength. Without a place to row, training will be extremely difficult and discouraging for members of our growing team. Please strongly consider making the Westpoint Marina Project a reality.

Thank you.....

Emma Chow

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July 5, 2003

Will Travis, Executive Director
Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, Suite 2600
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Dear Mr. Travis,

As I was bobbing in my kayak last night, watching the Independence Day fireworks over Redwood Creek, I mused on the long history and continued popularity of boating in Redwood City. There were dozens of boats out last night, despite the fact that one large marina has closed recently, another has silted in to near-unusability, and a third has plans to reduce its capacity considerably. Many boaters are eager to stay here on the creek, where we can enjoy the relatively benign boating conditions and increasingly beautiful views of the (restored) bay shore islands and marshes.

The bright hope for South Bay boaters is the prospect of Westpoint Marina being able to go forward with its plans. The Marina's balance of boaters' needs and environmental sensitivity will make it the model for all California marinas and boatyards to emulate.

I hope that you and the others of the Commission will approve Westpoint Marina's plans and allow them to begin construction as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rick Drain
past Commodore, Peninsula Yacht Club